

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene Oregon  
**PROCLAMATION**

*Whereas*, January 2006 is proclaimed to be National Mentoring Month by Committed Partners for Youth in cooperation with hundreds of mentoring organizations throughout the United States and;

*Whereas*, research has shown that mentoring has a definitive impact on young people by increasing attendance at school, improving rates of high school graduation and college attendance, and decreasing involvement with drugs, alcohol and violent behaviors; and

*Whereas*, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy to match a caring, responsible adult with a child to provide guidance and build confidence, stability and direction for that child; and

*Whereas*, the celebration of a Mentoring Month in Eugene will emphasize the importance of mentoring and recognize with praise and gratitude the many residents already involved in mentoring; and

*Whereas*, the celebration of a Mentoring Month in Eugene would encourage more people to volunteer as mentors, to the benefit of children in this community;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, hereby proclaim January 2006 to be

***"Mentoring Month"***

In Eugene and encourage all citizens of this community to observe this month.



*Kitty Piercy*  
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*Kitty Piercy, Mayor*  
*Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006*